(iv) focus on renewables, decentralized power generation and energy efficiency measures,

(v) multi-lateral funding for collaborative R&D on climate change should be pursued.

(d) As per Kyoto Protocol, the developing countries including India do not have any mitigation commitments. However, the steps taken by India as far as reduction of emissions is concerned are stated in (a) above.

Sale and purchase of captive elephants

2501. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments of Assam and Kerala have approached the Central Government to liberalize the rules relating to sale and purchase of captive elephants and whether similar suggestions have also been received from other quarters;

(b) if so, the nature of proposals received and the action taken thereon by the Central Government; and

(c) if not, the action which has so far been taken and by when the same is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The request of the State Governments to make necessary amendmemts in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, for relaxing the prohibition on sale and purchase of captive elephants is under consideration of the Central Government.

Recycling of sewage

2502. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the 27 million litres of sewage generated every day, our capacity is limited for treatment of only 18.6 per cent and of that, only 13.5 per cent is treated before being discharged into lakes, rivers, oceans, etc.;

(b) if so, whether our rivers are dying a slow death and Rs. 5106 crores spent on them under the Ganga Action Plan so far has gone down the drain; and

(c) whether Government would consider re-use and recycling of sewage rather than discharging it into rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. According to report